

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23366

This is a supplemental appropriation to the Office of Energy Resources in the amount of \$246,000 for a State Energy Program Competitive Grant awarded by the Department of Energy.

It is anticipated that the total award amount of \$500,000 will be available on a reimbursement basis over the two-year period from January 2015 through January 2017 (state fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017). The award will provide Idaho the opportunity to work with the surrounding states through the Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB) to expand planning and coordination among the western interconnection states (AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY) and provinces (BC, AB, SK) to address emerging challenges to the electric power system. The goal is to promote western electric power system reliability during a transition of increasing renewable energy, additional coal plant retirements, new environmental regulation, increased reliance on natural gas, and expanding distributed generation.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2015 Original Appropriation	8.00	0	1,024,200	431,500	1,455,700
1. Regional Planning and Coordination	0.00	0	12,000	234,000	246,000
FY 2015 Total Appropriation	8.00	0	1,036,200	665,500	1,701,700
Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp	0.00	0	12,000	234,000	246,000
% Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp.	0.0%		1.2%	54.2%	16.9%

Note: Of the amount of the grant expected to be expended in FY 2015, \$12,000 is estimated for indirect costs.

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